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LCO No. 5709



Offered by:

REP. MINER, 66th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. **5299**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND UPHOLSTERED RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE."

- 1 In line 6, strike "and" and insert a comma in lieu thereof
- In line 7, after "strollers" insert the following ", including any such
- 3 product or article coated with an architectural paint, as defined in
- 4 section 22a-904 of the general statutes"
- 5 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 6 internal references accordingly:
- 7 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 22a-904a of the general statutes is
- 8 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 9 passage):
- 10 (b) (1) On or before March 1, 2013, and every two years thereafter,
- 11 the representative organization shall propose a uniform paint
- 12 stewardship assessment for all architectural paint sold in this state.
- 13 Such proposed paint stewardship assessment shall be reviewed by an

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14 independent auditor to assure that such assessment does not exceed 15 the costs of the paint stewardship program described in subsection (a) 16 of this section and such independent auditor shall recommend an 17 amount for such paint stewardship assessment to the department. The 18 department shall be responsible for the approval of such paint 19 stewardship assessment. Such independent auditor shall be selected by 20 the department and the department shall be responsible for the review of the work product of such independent auditor, including, but not 21 22 limited to, the review of such auditor's assessment of the bid and 23 purchase procedures utilized by the representative organization to 24 implement such program. The department may terminate the services 25 of any such independent auditor. Not less than once every five years, 26 the department shall select a different independent auditor to perform 27 the duties described in this subdivision and subdivision (4) of 28 subsection (h) of this section. The cost of any work performed by such 29 independent auditor pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision and 30 subdivision (4) of subsection (h) of this section shall be funded by the 31 paint stewardship assessment.

(2) On and after the date of implementation of the paint stewardship program pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section, the paint stewardship assessment, as established pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be added to the cost of all architectural paint sold to retailers and distributors in this state by each producer. On and after such implementation date, each retailer or distributor, as applicable, shall add the amount of such paint stewardship assessment to the purchase price of all architectural paint sold in this state.

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- (3) On and after July 1, 2016, the paint stewardship assessment, as established pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be reduced by fifty per cent.
- Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2017, the representative organization, as described in section 22a-904a of the general statutes, shall submit a report to the joint standing committee

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47 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the 48 environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the 49 general statutes, on the efforts that such organization is undertaking to 50 assure the availability, at retail, of remanufactured architectural paint 51 in this state.

Sec. 503. (Effective from passage) Any product stewardship organization that operates in this state shall submit to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection certified audited financial statements and the names of any contractors and organizations with which such product stewardship organization has a contract with a value of two thousand dollars or more. Such submission shall be made not later than May first of each year. The department shall post and maintain such postings on the department's Internet web site."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Sec. 501	from passage	22a-904a(b)
Sec. 502	from passage	New section
Sec. 503	from passage	New section

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